

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An animal-derived or plant-derived tissue section-containing carrier for seeding and culturing animal cells, comprising a tissue section having a thickness of 0.5 to 50 μm , which is adhered to a support and rinsed with a culture medium and further comprises the culture medium.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) The animal or plant derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support is at least one selected from glass, plastics, rubber, metal, natural or synthetic thread and/or its woven matters, and biodegradable materials.

4. (Previously presented) The animal or plant-derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1 or 3, wherein the support is previously processed for promoting the section adhesion thereto or for promoting the section adhesion thereto under stretch.

5. (Previously presented) The animal or plant derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1, for which the tissue is prepared from a fresh tissue or a tissue previously fixed by the use of a fixing reagent.

6. (Previously presented) The animal or plant-derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tissue is processed for acellularization before or after it has been sectioned.

7. (Cancelled)